REMARKS

The examiner has rejected claims 13-16 as anticipated by Stanton, et al. (U.S. 6,196,761). Claims 13-16 have been amended and as amended are not anticipated by Stanton. As shown, for instance, in Figure 1 of applicant's drawings, the fuel dispenser modules or vaults 72 and 72' are located at a distance remote from fuel tank vaults 11 and 11'. Stanton teaches placing the pumps 8 directly over the fuel tank vault. For a large service station this would be impractical since it severely limits the number of pumps that can be used.

Applicant's invention as set forth in claims 13-16 is for dispensing vaults to be positioned below a fuel pump or dispenser and the dispensing vaults contain no fuel tank. These claims also require that the inner space of the dispensing vault may be entered without the necessity of entering the fuel tank vault.

Claims 13-16, as amended, are not anticipated by Stanton. Furthermore, Stanton does not suggest in any way having a separate dispensing vault at a location remote from the fuel tank vault as taught by applicant. Applicant's claims 13-16 as amended are believed clearly allowable over the references of record.

The allowance of claims 1-12 as amended is appreciated.

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